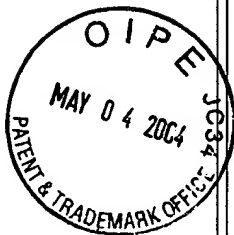


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

**On Page 110**, amend the seventh paragraph as follows:

Figs. ~~18A and 18B~~ 18A, 18B-1 and 18B2, taken together, set forth a real-time camera control process that is carried out within the camera control computer employed within the PLIIM-based systems of Fig. 11, wherein the camera control computer automatically processes the received time-stamped data sets and generates real-time camera control signals that drive the focus and zoom lens group translators within a high-speed auto-focus/auto-zoom digital camera subsystem (i.e. the IFD module) so that the camera subsystem automatically captures digital images having (1) square pixels (i.e. 1:1 aspect ratio) independent of package height or velocity, (2) significantly reduced speckle-noise levels, and (3) constant image resolution measured in dots per inch (DPI) independent of package height or velocity;